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Loudbon, Tenn., Aug. 26.

Political Intelligence.—We are informed that the Hon. Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, and the two Senators from Virginia—James M. Mason and R. M. T. Hunter—will come out in opposition to the free soil proclivities of the spoils Cabinet at Washington.

The most prominent whig candidates for Speaker of the next House of Representatives of this State, are D. C. Littlejohn, of Oregon, and Robert H. Pruyn, of Albany. For the Clerkship we notice the names of Lewis Benedict, and Hugh J. Hastings. Mr. Gregory, of this city, appears to occupy the front rank among the candidates for Sergeant-at-Arms.

A number of individuals have already been mentioned as candidates for the Presidency in 1856. The Washington Union recommends Franklin Pierce; a whig Journal in Easton, Pa., has nominated Millard Fillmore; John P. Hale has been recommended by the free soil democracy of Chardon, Ohio; Capt. Duncan Ingraham is spoken of by a Philadelphia paper; Thomas H. Benton is talked of in Missouri as a proper candidate; and Abbot Lawrence has been put forward by some of the whigs of Massachusetts; but Edward Everett at present stands the most prominent. [N. Y. Herald of Friday.]

Bishop Soule.—This venerable and saintly old "soldier of the Cross," is about again to set sail for the golden shores of the Pacific. He is to sail from New Orleans about the 6th or 7th of January, proximo, and has written a letter inviting Ministers of his church who are desirous of assisting in their lot with the Methodists of California, to meet him in New Orleans at least two or three days before the time designated for sailing. May the God in whom he has so long trusted, still be his guide and protector, and give him a large measure of success in planting the institutions of Christianity amongst the adventurers in that land of gold.

[Franklin Tenn.] Review.

Mr. Sylvester, a printer from Louisville, (Ky.) captured Santa Anna after the battle of San Jacinto, in company with two other soldiers. Mr. Sylvester was searching for straggling Mexicans. While watching the movements of a deer that was circling round at some distance, he saw the head of a man rise up quickly from among the tall prairie grass, and disappeared more rapidly yet in finding himself observed. Sylvester called to his companions behind, and riding forward, found his prisoner with some difficulty, with his head wrapped in a blanket. On being called in English to rise up, he did not appear to understand, but when it was added, "if you don't I'll shoot you," he comprehended clearly. Santa Anna was disguised in common soldier's clothes, so those who took him did not know him. But before they got him to the camp, they discovered by a diamond pin in his bosom that he was not what he professed to be.

From the Charleston Courier.
Later from Europe.
ARRIVAL.

U. S. MAIL.

NEW-YORK, November 29.

The U. S. Mail steam ship *Atlantic*, Captain West, has arrived at New York from Liverpool, which port she left on the 10th inst.

European Intelligence.

We have, by this arrival, so late intelligence of an important event having occurred in the Turkish question, although there are no news current to the effect that a decisive battle had been fought near Bucharest, but who the victors were was not stated.

The details of the recent affair at Oltinitza, have come to hand, and clearly show that the Turks had achieved in it a brilliant victory over the Russians, capturing eight guns, and killing and wounding 1200.

Nearly 100,000 of the Turkish troops had at last advanced across the Danube.

Prince Gortschakoff, who still commanded in the Principality, had received orders to act on the offensive.

The fourth regiment of Poles in the Russian service were disaffected, and had favored the passage of the Danube by the Turks, having given no alarm when they saw them crossing it.

The Russian fleet was in the Black Sea, and the Angler French fleet in the Sea of Marmora.

The Russian Government had announced that he would lay an embargo on the Turkish shipping from and after the 22d inst., but that it would respect neutral flags.

The Sultan had announced that he would place himself at the head of the army.

The Hungarian General KALAYKA, had received a command on the Danube in Turkish service.

The latest advices from Vienna, dated the 8th inst., state that the Russian General in command, having moved forward to Oltinitza with 24,000 troops, mostly infantry, on the 11th of October met the Turks, and a pitched battle ensued, which resulted in the Russians being compelled to retreat a second time in disorder to Bucharest, having lost 3000 men in their several attacks upon Oltinitza.

It is also stated, on reliable authority, that on the 9th of October the Turks were driven from the Island opposite to Girscevo, but being reinforced, they re-took it, and held possession thereof at last accounts.

The Emperor of Russia has summarily discharged all the English operatives from the Russian navy yards.

The diplomatic circular of Count Nassau, none has been published, and excited strong remarks from the French and British press.

Turkey will have nothing to do with any amendment of the Vienna note, but insists on a perfectly new treaty being made to settle the future.

Passengers by the *Atlantic* report that Lord Aberdeen was about to resign to make way for a more warlike ministry. [Probably under the membership of the Marquis of DUNDON, as telegraphed to from Philadelphia on the 20th inst.]—E. O. C.

LOUIS NAPOLEON expresses himself strongly in favor of engaging in active operations to aid the Turks. The British government, however, evidently vacillates. Prussia has notified its intention of reserving to itself perfect liberty of action with regard to eastern affairs. Austria professes neutrality, but the New York *Herald* on the authority of letters it has received from Mr. Saxham, the U. S. Consul at London, states that the Turkish government had notified her to withdraw her troops from the frontier, or have her neutrality guaranteed by France and England, or it would march an army into Hungary under the command of the agent of Austria, and then proceed to Constantinople.

The arms of the Christians continue to be crowned with success in Asia.

The insurgents in China were still carrying all before them. Canton, however, was undisturbed, but a party disconnected from the regular force took possession of Shanghai on the 7th of September, and plundered the Treasury.

The rumor that the Emperor of Russia had formed an alliance with DOST MOHAMMAD to proclaim war against the British in India, if Great Britain persisted in supporting Turkey, reached England from various different sources.

Letters from Cabul state that a large Russian army was marching from Khiva, the Capital of Kiva—a country of independent Turkmen, having North, the Kirghis steppe and the Sea of Aral, East, Bokhara and Karakalpak territory, South, Khorsan, and West the Caspian sea—with the avowed purpose of conquering the country.

These rumors added to serious apprehensions of a movement among the Afghans, led to large reinforcements of British troops at Bataiora (P). The British are in a bad position in the Punjab—the troops everywhere being in a state of siege, and nearly the whole of the new provinces being in the hands of the enemy, and to make matters worse, a famine is raging in the country.

The report that Persia is collecting an army to operate against Turkey is unfounded.

Additional per Atlantic.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—It is stated that the Russian Ambassador at Paris has informed the French Government that if the fleets pass into the Black Sea, it will be regarded equivalent to a declaration of war.

New-York Politics.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—The New Collector at New-York has made a list of annuals and appointments at the State, and has selected two, are said to be many of them, who broke up the Syracuse Convention.

Arrival of John Mitchell at New-York.

Baltimore, November 29.—The U. States Mail Steamship *Protheus* arrived on Tuesday at New-York, from San Juan, with 1,750,000 gold.

Among her passengers was JERRY MITCHELL, the Irish exile. There was great excitement on the wharf to see him, and the steamer was surrounded with boats. Mr. Mitchell, however, was quietly conveyed to his mother's residence at Brooklyn. He was loudly cheered at the Ferry, and sermored in the evening.

The *Clinton Courier* says that the word would, in Rufus Choate's hand-writing, resembles a small gridiron struck by lightning.

In the reign of Charles I. a mayor of Norwich actually sent a fellow to prison for saying that the Prince of Wales was born without a shirt.

To Cure Poverty.—Sit down and growl about it. By so doing you'll be sure to get rich and make yourself particularly agreeable to everybody.

Honors, there is no place like a gold medal, unless it is the time of the gallop on a horse.

The Battle of Oltinitza.—We have now detailed accounts of the first encounter between Moslem and the Russians. It proves to have been an affair of much more importance than at first stated. After a continued fire from midnight of November 1st to day-break of the 13th, the Turkish ammunition became exhausted, and with the wild cries of Moslem warfare the entire Turkish force charged the enemy with bayonet and sabre, and scattered them at all points. The Russians left twelve hundred on the field in killed and wounded, and were driven back upon Bucharest, where a heavy fire from the artillery of the place brought up pursuing Turks, who then returned to Oltinitza and encamped upon the field, their first care being to fortify the position. The Turks were fought within a triangle of land formed by the walls of the Arges and Danube.

Only nine thousand Turks were engaged, but they occupied a strong, well fortified building and an old redoubt situated in the plain near the Danube, as well as the village. From this position they threw shot and shell with great effect, up to the very entrance of a village, where Gen. Duenerberg, on the 10th inst., communicated to the Turkish Minister at Paris, saying that the Russians twice drove the Turks from their position, but that on the third day, (by the dispatch dated November 4) the Turks dispersed the Russians, with the loss above stated. The Russian loss in officers was particularly severe, the enemy's marksmen having apparently endeavored to pick off as many as they could. This particularly noted that the disabled officers are almost without exception wounded by the conical balls of the chasseur regiments, organized on the model of the celebrated French chassours of Vincennes.

The Turkish artillery was beautifully served. The Russians, too, stood manfully to their arms, and the affair had all the features of a pitched battle. Omar Pasha did not command in person. The position of Oltinitza is very strong; the left wing of the Turks being protected by the river Ardis (Ardish) the right by a swamp impassable to horse, and the rear by the fortress of Silistria and the fort of Turtuk. The cannon in Turtuk fired with such precision during the battle that the shots passing over the heads of the Turks did great execution among the Russians. A report says the Russians lost 8 guns.

Referring to this engagement, a Vienna letter of the 10th says:

"It is not likely that the following startling news will find its way into the papers, but you may have heard of its truth. The victory of the Turks, which was owing to treachery, was more complete than is generally supposed. The outposts nearest the river were Poles, and they not only permitted the Turks to cross without giving notice of their approach, but actually assisted them in the work of death. The cannonade lasted, with slight intermissions, two days and nights. The date was a mistake. The affair began in the night between the 1st and 2d, and lasted to the 3d."

Education in Turkey.—The Boston Atlas gathers from a late English work some facts in regard to the diffusion of popular instruction in Turkey, which will probably interest you also to many of our readers. In 1816 a council was formed, by imperial decree, for the management of all questions of public instruction, and the supervision of the new university. The state of the primary schools under their charge is of the most satisfactory description. Elementary instruction is not only free but obligatory. The law requires every citizen, as soon as his son and daughter have reached their sixth year, to inscribe his name in the books of one of the public schools, unless he can prove his means of educating them at home. In Constantinople the most recent report shows the existence of 396 free schools, frequented by 22,700 children of both sexes. After five years passed in one of these schools, the pupil can enter a secondary school, where instructions on all points is also gratuitous.

There are now six of these schools, with a total of about a thousand pupils. There is also a high school for young men intended to fill public appointments, a college founded with the same view, and a school for the education of professors, the imperial college of medicine, a military, a naval, and an agricultural school. The Sultan is himself the superintendent of these schools, and the place in person at their examinations. The pupils are said to be devotedly attached to him. The public libraries of Constantinople contain 80,000 volumes. During the reign of the present Sultan, protection and toleration have been extended to all religions. Christians have been permitted to take their position among the servants of the state, and share in the administration of public affairs. Some have been attached even to important offices. Old abuses in levying taxes have been done away with monopolies have been abolished. A national bank has been established, and is now in successful operation. Railways are in course of construction. Polygamy is on the decrease; and, in short, the Ottoman Empire promises to live and flourish, if it can be kept from the oppressions of the Russian bear.

Eloquent Description.—The following extract from an address of Meagher, recently delivered in New York, is truly eloquent in its description of the present state of Europe.—How impossible, remarks a contemporary, for a soul not stirred to even tried by fire, to conceive and utter such things as these:

"Austria—the whole German family—longed the Rhine stagnant in her bed. Poland, still the Rhine of nations, and her estate and children cut up and parceled out among the robbers: Hungary, with the knife at her throat and her people, locked in the cruellest and most brutal of wars, and a profane soldiery kept watch upon its France, grimacing in a grotesque, the glare of which binds men to crimes which is the senseless and reckless carnival of Ireland, her people decaying and disappearing faster than the ruins, even, which a ruthless civilization has yet left standing on the soil, where—where can the eye that scans the history of this day turn with joy—without grief—without despair—unless be to the great Commonwealth, the glare of which binds men to crimes which is the senseless and reckless carnival of Ireland, her people decaying and disappearing faster than the ruins, even, which a ruthless civilization has yet left standing on the soil, where—where can the eye that scans the history of this day turn with joy—without grief—without despair—unless be to the 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